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VOCABULARY

1. Apex: The highest point of something.

- Synonyms: Peak, Acme, Zenith, Pinnacle, Summit.
- Antonyms: Nadir, Bottom, Base, Depths, Trough.
- sentence: The company reached its apex of success last year.

2. Vagaries: Unexpected changes in a situation.

- Synonyms: Fluctuations, Uncertainties, Volatilities, Whims, Inconsistencies.
- Antonyms: Certainties, Regularities, Reliabilities.
- sentence: Life is full of vagaries, we must learn to adapt.

3. Peculiar: Something strange or unusual.

- Synonyms: Odd, Unique, Abnormal, Eccentric.
- Antonyms: Ordinary, Typical, Common, Conventional.
- sentence: His peculiar habits always kept his friends entertained.

4. Snowballed: To increase rapidly in size.

- Synonyms: Augmented, Amplified, Ballooned, Mushroomed.
- Antonyms: Diminished, Contracted, Reduced, Lessened.
- sentence: The small issue snowballed into a major conflict within the team.

5. Extraneous: Something that is not related to the matter being discussed.
- Synonyms: Irrelevant, Unnecessary, Superfluous, Redundant.
 - Antonyms: Relevant, Pertinent, Integral, Crucial.
 - sentence: The extraneous noise made it difficult to concentrate on my work.
6. Recurring: Something that happens repeatedly.
- Synonyms: Iterative, Periodic, Regular, Continuous.
 - Antonyms: Isolated, Singular, Unique, Occasional.
 - sentence: The recurring problem with the printer frustrated the office staff.
7. Condemnable: Something that is deserving strong criticism.
- Synonyms: Blameworthy, Censurable, Deplorable.
 - Antonyms: Commendable, Praiseworthy, Admirable, Laudable.
 - sentence: The vandalism of the park's playground equipment is utterly condemnable.
8. Reimburse: To repay someone for expenses or losses they have incurred.
- Synonyms: Compensate, Pay back, Remunerate.
 - Antonyms: Deduct, Withdraw, Charge, Collect.
 - sentence: I will reimburse you for the cost of the damaged item.

- 9. Abominable:** Something that is extremely unpleasant.
- Synonyms: Detestable, Despicable, Repugnant, Loathsome
 - Antonyms: Desirable, Reputable, Acceptable.
 - sentence: The abominable conditions in the prison shocked the human rights activists.
- 10. Underscores:** To emphasize the importance of something.
- Synonyms: Highlights, Accentuates, Reinforces.
 - Antonyms: Ignores, Overlooks, Downplays, Minimizes.
 - sentence: The doctor's warning underscores the seriousness of the patient's condition.

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

- 11. At odd with each other:** When two or more things are in conflict or disagreement with each other.
- 12. Have a grip on something:** To have control or a firm understanding of a situation.
- 13. Keep a tight rein:** To maintain strict control over something.
- 14. Reeks of:** Something strongly suggests or indicates a particular quality, typically negative.
- 15. Put off:** To postpone or delay something.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

10th April, 2024

1. The leaders of Japan and the Philippines head to Washington this week for a first trilateral summit aimed at boosting defence ties, hot on the heels of four-way military drills in the South China Sea that riled Beijing.

2. Wipro, the IT giant, has announced the resignation of its CEO, Thierry Delaporte. In his place, the company's Board of Directors has appointed Srinivas Pallia.

About Wipro

- Founded– 29 December 1945
- Founder–H. Hasham Premji
- Headquarters– Bengaluru
- Chairman – Rishad Premji
- CEO – Srinivas Pallia

3. Ugadi or Yugadi is grandly celebrated as the first day of the year by the people of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka. Ugadi, also known as Telugu New Year, is celebrated on the first day of Chaitra. It is an important day in most Hindu calendars that are based on lunisolar calendars, and it is also known as Vikram Samvat and Bhartiya Nava Varsha.

4. Igla Missile: Surface to air missile.

The Igla-S system is being acquired to enhance the Indian army's Very Short Range Air Defence (VSHORAD) capabilities. The Igla-S is a hand-held defence system that can be operated by an individual.

- India signed a contract with Russia in November last year for 120 launchers and 400 missiles.

5. The Ministry of External Affairs has approved India Ports Global (IPGL) 's proposal to take over the entire operation of the Sittwe port, located on the Kaladan River in the Rakhine province of Myanmar.

- Thus, the Sittwe port of Myanmar became the second international port after the Shahid Beheshti Port, Chabahar of Iran to come under the control of India Ports Global Limited.

6. Gangaur is an important festival celebrated throughout Rajasthan in various forms. The term "Gan" refers to Lord Shiva while "Gauri" or "Gaur" represents Goddess Parvati, Shiva's heavenly consort. Gangaur is celebrated to commemorate their union and symbolizes happiness in marriage.

- 7.** The government of India has appointed eminent economist Manoj Panda as a member of the 16th Finance Commission. Manoj Panda will replace Niranjana Rajadhyaksha, who resigned recently due to personal circumstances.
- 8.** SpaceX successfully deployed the TSAT-1A satellite developed by Tata Advanced Systems Limited in partnership with Satellogic Inc.
 - The launch took place from SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket from Kennedy Space Center, Florida.
 - The TSAT-1A satellite was assembled at TASL's Assembly plant in Vemagal, Karnataka.
 - TSAT-1A is designed to deliver high-resolution optical satellite images.
- 9.** Sumit Nagal created history as he became the first ever Indian man to record a main-draw win at Monte Carlo Masters, beating Italy's Matteo Arnaldi in the first round.
- 10.** British national Russ Cook, also known as the "Hardest Geezer", has successfully completed a challenge that took him more than 352 days to finish.
- 11.** 111 year old John Alfred Tinniswood becomes world's New oldest man.